

REMARKS

Amendment of the above-captioned application prior to examination on the merits is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 54-58 have been added. The specification has been amended to identify this application as a continuing application from Serial No. 09/129,879 filed on August 6, 1998, which application is presently allowable and the Issue Fee will be paid.

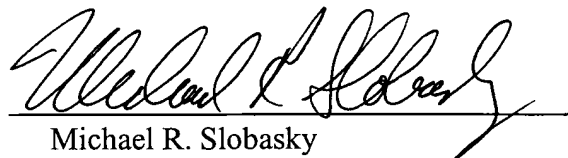
Claims 13-53, and newly added claim 54 are directed to claims subject to a Restriction Requirement in the parent application. These claims relate to a network system and/or method. Claims 55-58 are claims directed to the security device, the subject of the parent application, but in a slightly different format.

Should the Examiner have any questions after reviewing this Preliminary Amendment he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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